

## The Pocahontas Times.

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brother Scots,  
Frae Maidunkirk to Johnny Groat,  
If there's a hole in a' your coats,  
I'll mend it; I'll mend it;  
A chiel's amang you takin' notes,  
An' faith he'll pent it - Burns.

### Local Events.



WEST	EAST.
No 141 Daily ex- Sunday	No 142 Daily ex- Sunday
Stations.	A. M.
Cass	11.45
Forrest	11.35
Clover Lick	11.20
Harper	10.56
Marlinton	10.35
Buckeyes	10.23
Dais	10.15
Sebert	10.05
Beards	9.25
Droop Mountain	9.05
Fenick	8.55
Spring Creek	8.55
Anthony	8.35
Kester	8.25
Little Sulphur	8.00
Whitcomb	7.55
Ronceverte	7.45

Connection made at Ronceverte to and from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Richmond, Norfolk, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago.

Paris D. Yeager was appointed Sergeant of the town by the new Council.

Clairborne McNeil, the father of Senator N. C. McNeil, is in a very precarious condition of health.

Several of the County Attorneys will attend the first meeting of the creditors of Wm. MacGill, who went into voluntary bankruptcy. The meeting is in Charleston on the 8th.

The trial of J. C. Lightner, a lawyer of Bath, for shooting T. B. Hickman with birdshot resulted in a verdict of unlawful assault, and a fine of \$40 and costs amounting to 67. The defense to the action Lightner had waxexpressions used by Hickman to Mrs. Lightner.

Mr and Mrs L. J. Barnes, of Huntersville vicinity, was in Marlinton Friday. Mr Barnes is rapidly recovering from a shotgun wound in the leg, accidentally inflicted by his brother, last October. He was confined to his bed eleven weeks, but it is thought he will not be permanently injured, and it is hoped he will regain the full use of his limb in a short time.

We volunteer this piece of advice for what it may be worth: If any of our readers see a ginger cake on the snow crust, let him not touch it. Quite a number of cats and dogs and other things by neglecting this precaution have suffered fatal consequences. A Staunton detective has been investigating and may find out something that will clear up the mystery, we earnestly hope, before much more mischief is done.

A suit before Squire G. R. Curry between S. J. Payne and E. F. McLaughlin attracted a large crowd at Hillsboro last Thursday. There were four attorneys and a crowd of witnesses. The matter in dispute was the timber cleared off the right of way just below Marlinton by Clark and White, and afterwards sawed by W. A. Bassard. His suit was compromised by the plaintiff accepting a judgment of \$36.50.

A ship builder from the North came on last Friday to inspect the quality of black spruce in this county to see whether it was suitable for spars for vessels. G. E. Patrick has been getting out some trees measuring 6 to 70 feet with a diameter of 10 to 12 inches, at the big end. The ship builders had never heard of any spruce suitable for masts of ships this far south, the market having been supplied from Canada. It is likely we have the spruce which is the farthest south of any.

W. R. Numan, of Staunton, was in Marlinton last week to get affidavits to clear himself of a charge preferred against him as a police officer of Staunton. A young girl of this place left her home last summer with her uncle, and her father secured a warrant for her. She went to Staunton, and Policeman Newman was charged with knowing of her whereabouts and aiding her to shelter from the authorities. He affidavit procured here fully vindicated the officer of the charge.

The suit of G. W. Wagner vs. B. F. Hamilton was decided Saturday at Huntersville by Squire McElwee in favor of the defendant. The subject matter of the suit was some goods lost out of a car on the railway. The defendant had some goods bailed to Ronceverte before the new railroad was completed. He chartered a car and the plaintiffs goods were put in it. Two boxes were lost and the court held that the defendant was required to exercise ordinary care only under the circumstances and dismissed the action.

While going up the track from Marlinton the crew of the local freight saw a pile of dirt on the track which they thought was a large boulder. The train was too near to be stopped and the crew jumped off, with the exception of the engineer, who stayed by his engine and came through unharmed. The brakeman landed all right, but the fireman, L. E. Irvin, had chosen a bad place for a fall and was much bruised up. His leg and side were hurt and his nose and cheek very badly cut. He was taken to the C. & O. Hospital at Clifton Forge on Wednesday.

### LUMBERMAN KILLED

David McDonald run over by a Log Train

Last Thursday morning, Jan. 30, about 6 o'clock, the mangled remains of David McDonald, a logger and woodsman, about 45 years old, a native of Pennsylvania, in the employ of the West Virginia Spruce Lumber Company, was found on the top of Cheat Mountain, on the railroad track of the West Virginia Spruce Lumber Company. The Company's Engine No 1 went up between 4 and 5 o'clock the same morning, and struck him while sitting on the ends of the ties at well known spring just under the brow of the mountain. The body was dragged four or five hundred yards before it was dropped. When found it was all twisted and bruised and torn, a leg and a foot cut clean off.

A pity to relate the unfortunate man was in a state of intoxication when killed. Strange to say there were two bottles of whiskey and a watch were found on the body of the deceased, wholly uninjured.

Parties who discovered the horrible remains, gathered them up, buckled straps about them, rolled the body in a blanket and transferred them to the porch in front of the Company's store at Cass, where they lay a prey to the curious public's gaze throughout the day, owing to difficulty in getting a coroner.

The Inquest was not held until 9 o'clock Friday morning. The following are the names of the officers, doctors and jurymen conducting the inquest:

Coroner, J. L. Hudson, J. P. Special Constable, J. H. Bird. Coroner's Jury—Edward Rutledge, Lee Hinkle, Harry Carson, Rev Harry Blackhurst, C. L. Burster, Frank Wilson.

The medical examination was conducted by Drs J. A. and J. D. Arbuckle.

The discovery of a human body, torn and mangled, with two bottles of intoxicating liquor on the body, constitute a scene of horror and ghastliness rarely met with, and should be regarded by everyone as an awful warning against his accustomed use of strong drink.

The remains were interred yesterday at a nearby cemetery at the expense of the deceased. Cass, W. Va. Feb. 1, 1902.

### OIL PROSPECTS

The Pocahontas Oil Company, Incorporated, will Put Down a Test Well Some Time this Year

Some Stock still not Placed.

A bunch of philanthropists, known as the Pocahontas Oil Co., intend to bore a hole in the surface of the earth in this county, to make a test for oil. They will make an effort to place enough stock to put down a well so that it will not be too great a burden on any one man.

The way it was discovered was by a young girl who was working at the place going to draw water from the well after dark.

As often as she did this the ghostly footsteps would accompany her into the house, make the blood curdling sound, and go back to its lurking place in the well.

The ghost would come up out of the well, tread softly into the kitchen, pass through the kitchen with muffled foot steps, enter the dining room and make ghostly noises, a weird sound something like the soughing of the wind or a moan. Then the ghost could be heard to walk back and go into the well.

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